

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
September 7 - September 11, 2009**

1. **Tonight - Opening Reception for "Toys of Chance":** Looking for something unique to do tonight? Please join us at the opening reception of "Toys of Chance," an exhibit of the playful artwork of local sculpturer, Mark Behme. JoAnne Grownney, whose poetry is incorporated into the exhibit and was created in collaboration with Behme, will read selected pieces of her work. Opening Reception tonight, Friday, September 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Poetry Reading at 7:30 p.m. Exhibit can be viewed in the Corridor Gallery through mid-October. *(Housing and Community Development)*
2. **Code Enforcement Featured in the Gazette:** The City's Code Enforcement staff was the focus of a recent article in the Takoma Park-Silver Spring Gazette which reported on the efforts of City staff to address properties with various code violations. Article is available online at http://www.gazette.net/stories/09092009/takonew182826_32545.shtml. *(Housing and Community Development)*
3. **Takoma Langley Sector Plan (Ward 6):** Thursday, the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Planning Boards separately discussed the draft plans for the Takoma Langley Crossroads area. On September 16, the two Boards will hold a joint worksession to discuss consistency issues between the two plans in the MRO, Montgomery County Planning Board hearing room in Silver Spring. For more information, please contact Ilona Blanchard at 301- 891-7205. *(Housing and Community Development)*
4. **Your Rights as a Tenant Class - October 14:** The Office on Landlord-Tenant Affairs will be sponsoring a class on tenant rights on October 14, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue in Takoma Park. Some of the topics included in the discussion will be: protecting your security deposit, the requirements for a landlord's entry into your apartment, understanding the requirements of notices to vacate, and rent stabilization. Pre-registration is required. Please call Moses Wilds, Jr. at 301-891-7222 to register for the class. *(Housing and Community Development)*
5. **Montgomery County Housing Fair - October 3:** Each year, the County, its municipalities and local nonprofit organizations sponsor a Housing Fair that is held in Gaithersburg at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Avenue. The fair will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. It's a great place to visit if you are a first time home buyer. Ten \$500 cash prizes will be awarded in a raffle. The prize must be used for your mortgage or rent payment and you do not need to be present to be selected. Foreclosure prevention counseling and legal assistance will also be offered this year. There is plenty of entertainment and activities for the kids. For further information, call 240-777-3602 or visit the website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dhca. *(Housing and Community Development)*
6. **Recent IRE Graduate:** The Housing and Community Development Department is pleased to announce Ilona Blanchard, Community Development Coordinator, recently graduated from COG's Institute for Regional Excellence. The year long leadership and management program, established by COG in 2001 and targeted to mid- to senior-level managers, is designed to develop an understanding of regional issues and approaches among the participants. In addition to participating in class three days a month, participants are required to complete a group project which addresses a regional need or issue. The project undertaken by Ms. Blanchard's group- "Youth Violence: A Public Health Epidemic" - won the George C. Askew Award for the American Academy of Certified Public Managers. The award is bestowed each year to an exceptional curriculum project which is developed utilizing the management practices exemplifying the philosophy of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers. *(Housing and Community Development)*
7. **Auditorium Renovation:** City TV is in the middle of the technological transition related to the impending renovation of the Auditorium. All A/V equipment has been removed from the Council Chambers and new equipment is being installed into the Azalea Room, and the new Control Room on the second floor. Starting September 21, Council meetings (and other events) will be broadcast live from the Azalea Room. *(Communications)*
8. **Folk Festival On Air:** City TV will be covering the 32nd Annual Takoma Park Folk Festival on Sunday, September

13. City TV will be using the PEG Network Mobile Production Vehicle on the Field Stage and covering the other stages with in-house and rental equipment. *(Communications)*

9. **Snapshots:** The latest edition of Snapshots is airing on City TV. Features this month include: ADA Compliance in Takoma Park; Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan; National Night Out 2009; YES League Basketball Championship Highlights; and, a special segment on Takoma Park Elections in Spanish, Elecciones en Takoma Park. The schedule of programming is available here: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/cable/schedule.html#snapshots>. Snapshots is also available for viewing online at the following link: http://takomapark.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=88. *(Communications)*

10. **Recreation Department Starts Filming:** The Takoma Park Recreation Department started filming for an upcoming segment on Takoma Park Television. The Department is promoting winter sports and wants to get the word out about the Department's diverse program offerings. As a result of the economy, the national trend has showed that more people are starting to participate in local recreation programs. To find out more about fall and winter programs, please visit www.tprecreation.org. *(Recreation)*

11. **An Interview with Staff:** John Webster, Recreation Center Supervisor, participated in an interview/segment with Facilities Manager Eric Rasch and Video Production Manager Alvaro Calabia. The interview centered around current and future programming options at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. *(Recreation)*

12. **Double Dutch:** The Recreation Center's Double Dutch program began on Tuesday, September 8. The program is going very well and attendance is increasing. If interested, class are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. *(Recreation)*

13. **Seniors Tour Baltimore:** Nineteen Seniors traveled by Recreation Bus to Baltimore for a grand tour of the Baltimore Basilica. Afterwards they spent the afternoon at their choice of the Walters Art Museum or the Aquarium at the Inner Harbor. *(Recreation)*

Officers in Meetings: On September 10, Capt. Coursey and residents from Grant Avenue met with Renay Johnson, Principal of Takoma Park Middle School, to discuss mutual problems. The meeting was very successful and a partnership was established between the school, police and our residents. Chief Ricucci will be filming a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for the students concerning issues in the Grant Avenue neighborhood. *(Police)*

14. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 114 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, four vehicle impounds and two Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic. *(Police)*